

Constitutional All Stars

Objectives:

1. Student will be able to examine the roles of delegates at the Constitutional Convention
2. Student will be able to analyze the contribution made by the delegate to the convention
3. Student will be able to present reasons why the delegate made or did not make a significant contribution to the convention
4. Student will be able to compare and contrast the delegate with other delegates in order to prioritize the delegate's role in the following three areas:
 - a. most important
 - b. important
 - c. just a contributor

Procedure:

1. Choose a Constitutional Convention delegate from a teacher made list.
2. Research the background of this person. Keep in mind the 5Ws, his social status, education, career, social contacts, influence in his state etc.
3. Use the school data basis(SIRS, ABC Cleo), other internet sources, books such as Madison's Notes of the Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787, Max Farrand's Framing of the US Constitution etc. These will be on reserve in the school library.
4. After researching the delegate create an All Star card.

All Star Card:

1. This should be made out of construction or poster board.
2. On the front should be a picture of the delegate. Above the picture should be the delegate's name. At the bottom should be the dates he lived and the state he represented. Border or frame the picture.

3. On the back or if you want on another piece of construction or poster paper should be the vital statistics of the delegate. These should include
 - a. Background info – profession, education, any government experience before and after convention e.g. – Washington b/c president
 - b. Contribution and significance at convention and position taken – for or against ratification
 - c. Quotes – if you can find one. This does not have to be a quote at the convention it could be from a speech he made in his state legislature

Other information:

On the day that it is due you will quickly present your delegate to the class. You will explain to the class your ranking of the delegate based upon the above objectives. Keep in mind that you need some criteria to rank him and I will ask you what it is. I will also need from you a **source list** for your research. If you use a book or periodical I will need to know the page and if you used a web source I will need to know the URL.